

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

## DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED GRATTS NEW PRIMARY CENTER LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 24 – June 8, 2007**

### WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Gratts New Primary Center site. This workplan addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 1,350 cubic yards (2,160 tons) of soil from the site. The proposed 2.19-acre site is bordered by apartment buildings and residential dwellings to the northeast, West 5<sup>th</sup> Street and commercial/retail shops with associated parking to the southwest, Hartford Avenue and residential apartments to the northwest, and Lucas Avenue and commercial/office buildings to the southwest in Los Angeles. During the site investigation, lead, chlordane, and dieldrin were detected in shallow soils in concentrations exceeding the DTSC's health risk levels for school sites. Lead was found in 22 locations at depths up to five feet below ground surface (bgs); chlordane was found at one location at up to two feet bgs; and dieldrin was found at three locations at up to two feet bgs. Therefore, LAUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility. The soil removal is expected to take place in June 2007. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a fifteen (15) day public comment period that starts on May 24, 2007, and ends on June 8, 2007. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Martina Diaz, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **June 8, 2007**.

### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Echo Park Branch Library, 1410 W. Temple St., Los Angeles; Gratts Elementary School, 309 Lucas Ave., Los Angeles; and at [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org). Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

### CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or email: [JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov); or Martina Diaz, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2845 or email: [MDiaz2@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MDiaz2@dtsc.ca.gov).

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con:  
el Martina Diaz, Gerente del Proyecto – Glendale del DTSC, al (818) 551-2845.*